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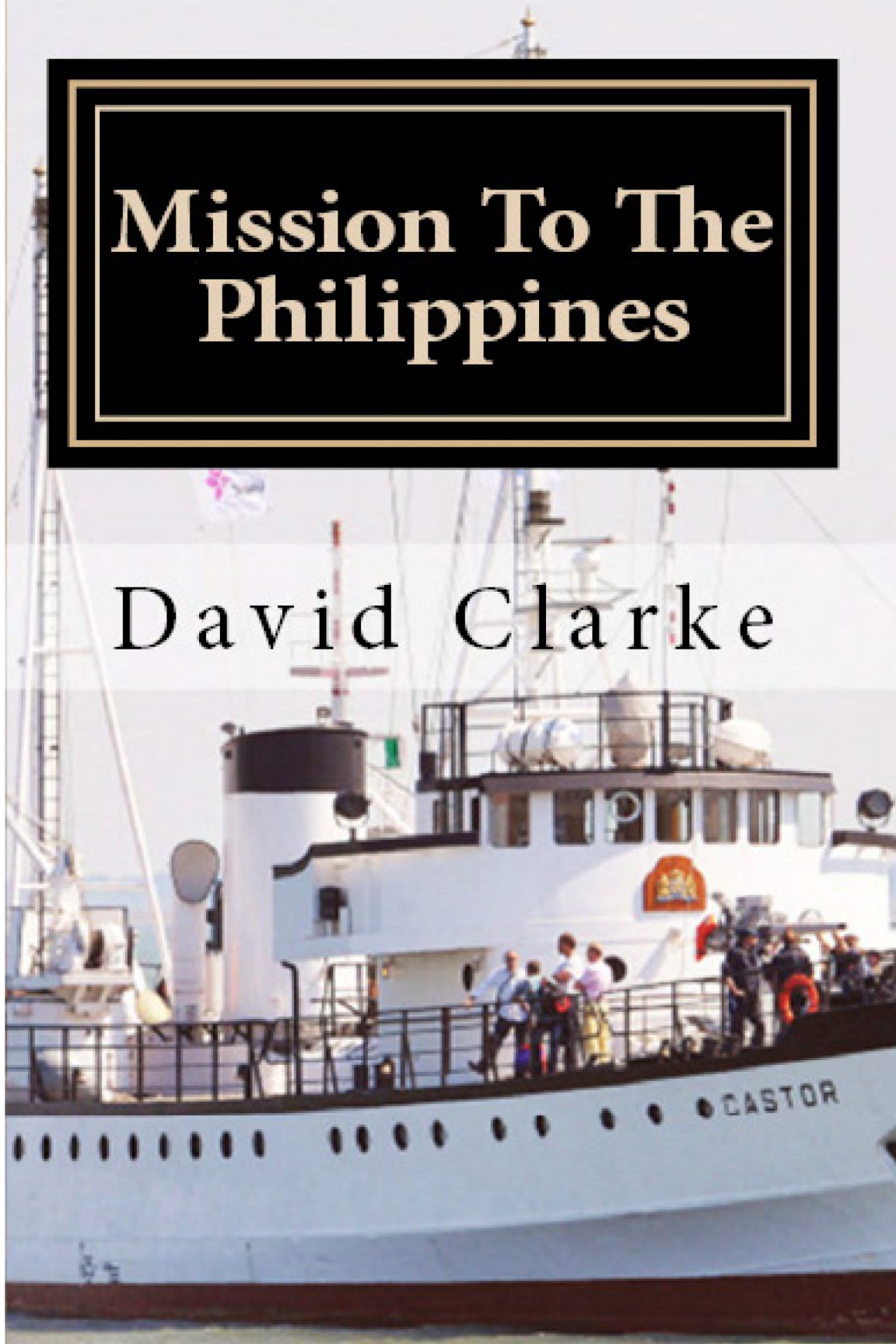

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INTRODUCTION

This tells of our Christian mission to the Philippines to teach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to inmates of New Bilibid Prison and our developing ideas involving the Motor Vessel Castor.

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1 Youtube Video Part 1 Of This Story[1]

2 Youtube Video Part 2[2]

1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vW_1h44a_Ws&list=PLxUCCNlXtFtmZnETWKIbR7SjXh-H1UfR3o

2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLPr1LAY9kA&list=PLxUCCNlXtFtmZnETWKIbR7SjXh-H1UfR3o&index=2

CHAPTER 1

Meeting Alastair

I first met Alastair in 2001 (he is a young man, I think just 80 years old and what you might call an old sea dog).

The Captain

Alastair Sutherland

This was soon after my return from our mission to the Philippines, in October 2001. Gordon Smith and I had been to the Philippines working in the Prisons and cities, and in particular New Bilibid Maximum Security Prison.

New Bilibid Prison

The Big House

Michael Clarke

My brother Michael was an inmate who had been sent there in 1996 and was serving a 16 year sentence. We had gone to bring help and relief to him in October 2001.

On my return to England I met Alastair, who was a friend of Gordon, and he had been connected with ships, and knew all about those things I didn't, and he told me about the **LoodsBoot Castor** that at one time had been called **Redeemer.**

Motor Vessal Redeemer

Redeemer on the Thames

I became interested in the ship because it sounded an ideal answer to our needs and could be used to further our mission work. It was at that time in Holland and could be brought to Portsmouth and put into service.

It was 46 metres long with cabin capacity of 40 in (4X6 berth, 2X3 berth and 2 X 1) berth cabins. It was a beautiful ship. Built in 1950 and was one of seven. It was a coaster and it is believed to have been reserved for the Dutch Royal Family during the cold war.

Alastair informed me of the Redeemers history and his connection with it.

He told of two of his friends, **Denise Collins** and **Maurice Vitty**. Denise Collins was the Captain of the Logos whilst Maurice was the Chief officer.

Escaping The Comunists

Vietnamees boat People

It was in 1979 and the Vietnamese were in serious trouble and many boat people set out to sea. Denise and Maurice came across many boat people and rescued them who were escaping persecution by the communists. The Logos stumbled upon these boat people in the South China Seas, who had no were to go and their boats were destroyed by sea pirates. There were about 100 or so. No body wanted to help these people but these men did and got into international trouble.

Boat People Being Rescued

Vietnamees Exposed To Sea Pirates

The pirates robbed killed threw victims into the ocean raped little girls and older people. There was no help for these people. This sparked of the idea in Maurice Vitty to purchase his own ship to do Christian mission

work. It was then he purchased the **Castor,** which was one of seven built in 1950.

The Castor

Castor Moored

The Ship was renamed Redeemer and set off for the China Seas but ended in Malta where it remained until 1997 doing various mission work.

Alastair mean while had worked on YWAM Mercy Ships, one called the Anastasis and The Good Samaritan. It was then that Alastair was asked to bring the Redeemer to Falmouth and then on to Urk in Holland when it was purchased by Patrick. It was the knowledge of this ship and its history that had caught my attention as it sounded ideal for our use. The proposed use I will tell you about in a moment.

We went to Holland, saw the ship, spoke to its owner and is was offered to us for 130,000 euros.

We go to Holland

Links below

3 Bringing the Redeemer to Portsmouth[3]

4 On Board The Redeemer Now Castor[4]

3 http://youtu.be/Hy_GsyRREgU

4 http://youtu.be/iBupJVm-edg

It was a beautiful ship, ideal for our purpose. I was able to write about our plans and send them to Michael, my brother and Lucas and those plans were published on our book Trojan Warriors. Appendix 25.

CHAPTER 2

Back To Our Mission

Our mission to the Philippines was brought about when I got news of my brother, in 1996.

Michael Arrested

Michael in the NBI Prsion

He had been arrested and sentenced to a 16 year prison sentence to be served in New Bilibid Prison, Muntinlupa City Philippines.

I had learned that he had become a Christian after reading C.S. Lewis's book, Mere Christianity, after serving 5 years of his sentence. He had been given it by an English man called Suny Wilson, who had served 4 years on Death Row, and was finally acquitted in 1999, as he was an innocent victim of crime.

Link below

5 Sentanced to Death Suny Wilson[5]

When I first heard news of my brothers arrest my heart was hardened towards him as I felt he had been stupid and was no having to suffer for his actions. It was through meeting Suny Wilson and hearing of the problems that occur in the Philippines with regard to justice that I began to realise

5 http://youtu.be/V2FWFpwZ1B8

Michael had been set up for a crime he hadn't done.

I Wrote My Book

How ever when I got news of his conversion from crime to Christ I decided to finish my book, **Converted on LSD Trip** and publish it.

11th February 1971

The Bucks Herald

Established 1842 — Net Weekly Sales - 23,542 — THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 1971 price 8d. 32 pages

"CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP"

David Clarke who had a three year career of undetected theft experienced a "Christian conversion" whilst suffering the effects of LSD, he told Aylesbury Magistrates on Tuesday.

pamphlet leaves, a £20 spray gun and a typewriter.

He asked for 21 other offences to be taken into consideration, including stealing a builder's shed, two cars, a bicycle an

himself I used to sell drugs to young people and indulge in permissive sex," he declared.

SEEKING TRUTH

"Religion to me was rule-

on him. "I was not satisfied with what I had, I was greedy, selfish and beastly."

Clarke had been using pep pills and marijuana when he was 16 he told the court but it was after taking LSD that he experienced what he described as a "major thing in my life." He described the "torment" he suffered as a result of using the drug and went on: "I warn any young person who hears my testimony, the effects of LSD are so bad, I warn you to stay clear."

While in this condition he said he "called on the name of Jesus" and was totally set free from this.

VOICE OF CHRIST

"Jesus Christ spoke to me as loudly as speak to you now saying, 'David I am with you'" he said. "What you are going through is nothing compared to what Hell is like."

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David: Could these boys do any real wrong? Michael

and give information leading to the recovery of £1000's worth of stolen property.

He could be pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a 4500 colour television set from an old

electric arc welder, two other TV sets, two compressors and a road drill.

Christ [2.1], of Hanover Crescent, Aylesbury said, "His reputation in the town had been that of a man who was enjoying

bish and for some people who could not stand on their own feet," he said. "Within my heart I was seeking for truth and a meaning to life."

He had good prospects of getting on in life in work

Continued on page 12

Converted on LSD Trip

As a result of that Gordon Smith , an old friend from Aylesbury contacted me as he had seen a write up in the news paper and we planned there and then to go to the Philippines to bring relief and help to my brother.

Cast Your Net The Other Side Of The Ship

When publishing this book I was reminded of a verse in scripture, which says, after they had cast their net on the other side of the ship, ***and he was astonished and they that were with him, at the draught of fishes that they had taken.*** I will explain that shortly.

Working at Fareham College

I was working at Fareham College at the time and had been there

since 1988, as a lecturer and had taught electronics for over 20 years, and I got to know many students and saw certain difficulties among young people with drugs and crime.

Fareham College 1987 to 2001

Fareham College

I lived in Stubbington and my daughter was born there in 1997 and soon learned of the drug and crime problem in the village and documented my findings. The videos are on Youtube today. When seeking to help and do something about it I hit a brick wall. No one was interested or responded to the problems that I highlighted. The Police, the Schools, the Council and County Council even the News were not interested.

Letter from Prince Charles

To: David Clarke, Esq.

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From: The Office of HRH The Prince of Wales
7th February 2002

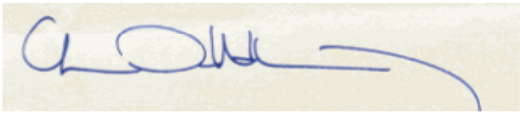
Dear Mr. Clarke,

The Prince of Wales has asked me to thank you for your letter of 22nd January in connection with the work which you and others in you local area are undertaking in relation to young people and drugs.

Your reasons for writing as you did are appreciated and His Royal Highness is grateful to you for taking the trouble to draw your very worthwhile efforts his to his attention.

The Prince of Wales has asked me to send you all his best wishes for the future success of your work.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Claudia Holloway

Letter of Commendation

So I sent my findings to Prince Charles and he wrote back to me thanking me for informing him and encouraged me to continue the work we wished to do.

Here go and watch the video's Links below

6 Stubbington Village A Drug Problem 1[6]

Next

7 Stubbington Village A Drug Problem 2[7]

Next

8 Stubbington Village 10 Years On[8]

Next

9 Dead Man Speaks To The Young People In Stubbington Village.[9]

These youngsters were in a prison without bars but they could not see it.

6 http://youtu.be/QV3m42npaNs

7 http://youtu.be/qpVnZxtZ85E

8 http://youtu.be/ZiLlGkJXvq4

9 http://youtu.be/xpyzfrDLp6A

CHAPTER 3

Our Mission To The Philippines

New Bilibid Prison is the largest prison Asia's Far East housing at that time over 23,000 inmates in the Minimum, Medium and Maximum security compounds. Michael was in the Maximum Security Compound, that housed over 13,000 inmates, and also contains Death Row in which were over 1200 due to die by lethal injection.

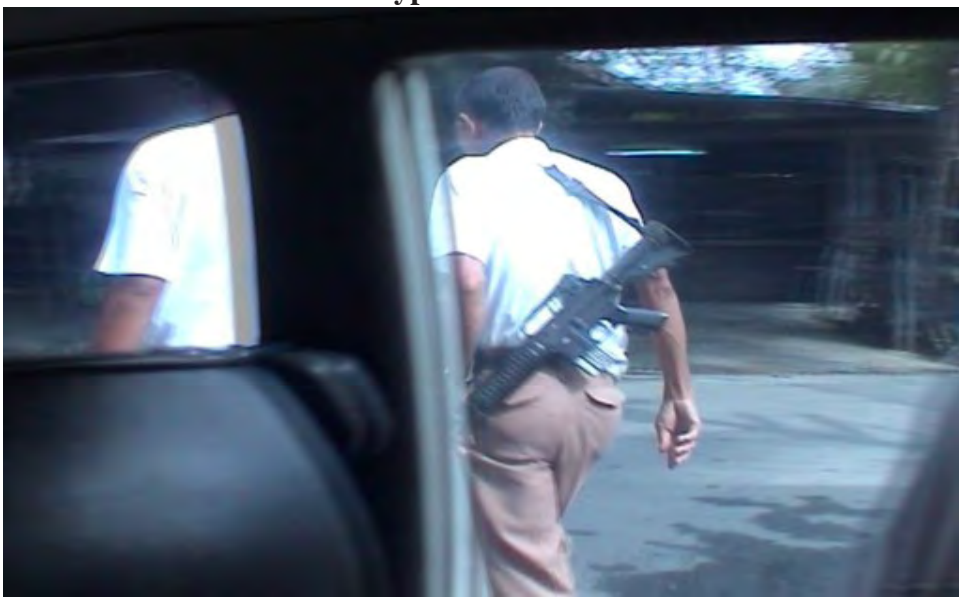
The Death Chamber

Lethal Injection Chamber NBP

New Bilibid Prison

NBP Guard Tower

Typical Guards



M16 Rifles

New Bilibid Prison

Michael had come to an end of himself in 1998 and eventually read a book by C S Lewis, that was given to him by an English man that had been on Death Row for 4 years. His name is **Suny Wilson**. Michael was convinced that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God and as a result like me in my early years searched out Christian books and the bible to learn the gospel of Christ.

C.S.Lewis

Mere Christianity

There were many Christian and religious groups in the Prison.

New Bilibid Prison

Sattelite View

The prison is 12 hectors and there are Catholics, Born Against, Evangelical Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist that all have their differing views, so Michael like me at the age of twenty did his own reading and learned the truths of the Gospel from the Bible its self, without the Gloss of a religious persuasion.

Men from NBPTI

NBP Theological Institute

Michael got a lot of help from Rev Lucas Dangatan, a former inmate, convicted of robbery with violence, who loaned him all his library books and when Michael realised we were coming to help in October 2001, they work together, with another Korean Pastor, to put together an itinerary.

There were many criminals in the prison who too, like Michael had turned from crime to Christ and they worked together in groups teaching and learning the gospel, Para Legal Skills and they formed self help groups to help one another.

Michael and Lucas agreed on a plan to form the first ever Teacher Training College in a prison and we took all the necessary steps to achieve this.

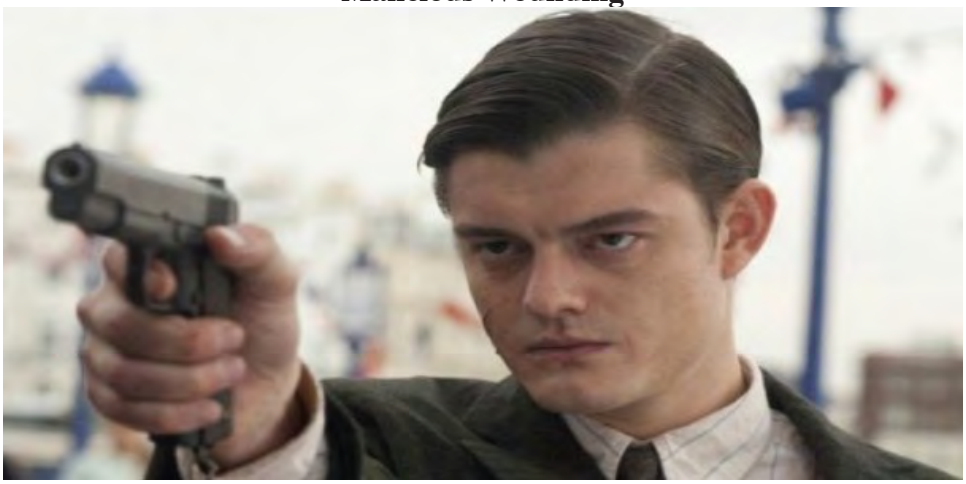
CHAPTER 4

Qualified Criminals

Qualified By Breaking The Law

Michael and I were in fact both criminals in the 60's and so we knew how to live and work with crime and criminals. We were both sentenced and were in Canterbury prison together, for malicious wounding and carrying a fire arm without a licence, in 1967.

Malicious Wounding



Carrying a Fire Arm

Michael had been to detention centre on two occasions before that and also Rochester Borstal and finally Maidstone Prison. I was sent to Dover Borstal. We knew how to break the law, steal cars, rob houses cause grievous bodily harm and run from the police.

We were both convicted criminals and qualified to break the Law and pay no regard to individuals or society. We were no angels.

When I left Dover Borstal I was determined to have a good time and proceeded to have a 3 year career of undetected crime.

Also Michael did not return to prison after his home leave and was on the run for over a year with a changed identity.

At the age of twenty I had no fear of God and thought religion was for cissy people and it didn't bother me about the way I lived or the crimes I got involved in.

The one Christian woman I knew was enough to turn any one away from Christianity because she condemned all the things I was doing saying my life was sinful. How could any one enjoy life living the way she did was my response to her.

On the 16th January 1970, I had a bad experience on LSD and called out to the Lord for help and he heard my cry. I turned from crime and the wrong way of life that night and learned to follow Jesus Christ as best I could.

When I was converted I was not connected with any church and so I went to various churches learning the differences and their particular views. I studied the scripture my self and a range of classical Christian literature, to educate myself.

I finally joined the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist church, in 1976, went to Wolverhampton Polytechnic to the Teacher Training College, qualified as a Lecturer and got my first job as lecture, in 1978, at Luton College of Higher Education, teaching Electronics.

I was also called by the Lord and sent by the church to preach the gospel in 1982 and for the next two year preached at many churches through out England.

Michael when his own way building his own business and became the Managing Director of Tudor Charm, his own manufacturing company, of wooden frames for old style houses.

Leaving the Bierton Church

I withdrew from the Bierton church in 1984 (14 years after my conversion) and wrote my first book **The Bierton Crisis**, that related in detail the serious religious errors that I had descovered and my reasons for secession giving the Church my recommendations.

Distress Since Leaving The Church

This expose me to all kinds of problems. I became depressed, I resigned from my lecturing post at Luton College of Higher Education and eventually move to Fareham. I wondered where God was in my life and I turned away, in unbelief, from the way I knew. I went through a divorce and remarried, which eventually drove me to seek God again in 1992.

Lessons learned

In turning back to God I face further difficulties from the religious and when I spoke to the elders of a church that I began to attend about issues which were clearly wrong, according to the Scripture, I was told to keep quiet. Conscience dictated I write my second book **Mary, Mary Quite Contrary,** which dealt with those issues I faced and I gave the elders a copy of the book.

I got news of Michael's conversion and Baptism in September 2000, which prompted Gordon and I to go on our first mission to the Philippines.

CHAPTER 5

Over Whelmed

Both Gordon and I were over whelmed by the good work that was being done by religious volunteers, as many criminals were being converted from Crime to Christ and seeking to learn the gospel of Christ.

A Proposal To The Undersecretary

and Director of the Prison

Gordon Smith and Jose Calida

Undersecretaryof Justice Jose Calida

We went to the Undersecretary of Justice Joes Calida and discussed a proposal for qualifying inmates to be transferred from other Jails to the Maximum Security prison and partake in the education and training that they would need to function as a teacher of the Gospel, on leaving prison. This was agreed and we share our idea with the Director of the Prison and he was happy with the plan and said if the President her self agreed then that was fine by him. This meeting was televised and is on Youtube. Praying with the Director.

Video Link below

10 Praying with the Director of New Bilibid Prison[10]

The Power of God

Michael and I both knew the Power of God in our lives and so knew the doctrinal basis that should form the basis of our future work. This was written and published in our Book Trojan Warriors and set by way of discussion in our three videos made in the prison in December 2002. (Click the links to view)

Video Link Below

10 http://youtu.be/lqiN5XZPFh0

11 Trojan Warriors 1, The Beginnings[11].
Next
12 Trojan Warriors 2, The Vision[12].
Next
13 Trojan Warrior 3, Our Doctrinal Basis[13].

Recidivism

When a convicted criminal has served his time, upon his release it is very difficult to get employment. A man may have been a robber, drug dealer or killer and served 20 years in prison. He would not have worked all the time. So upon his release it is very easy to see how one could turn back to crime to make a living. It was our plan to proved the necessary help for those men who like Michael had turned from crime to Christ.

Both he and I were in the same situation. I had lived to tell the way and how to avoid returning to Jail. That was our task.

We both had experienced the transforming work of God in our lives and so we were prepared to support this kind of Christian work, both in the Philippines and the UK.

Video Link below

14 Requested 100 Men To Write Their Testimonies[14]

During that first mission we requested 100 men to write their testimonies of conversion from Crime to Christ and for the next year Lucas, Michael and I wo,rked together on our project. This meeting was recorded on video and is on Youtube entitled Commissioning 100 men.

Teacher Training College

It was Lucas's idea to form the College instead of his Institute and Michael had pledged to building a two-story build for that purpose. It was envisaged that the sale of our book would fund this venture.

This was really building on the work that Lucas was already doing. The objectives being to teach and train converted men how to teach and preach the Gospel so that upon their release they could return home and tell

11 http://youtu.be/PqwmeEQ37UM
12 http://youtu.be/RIAAZFwSZeQ
13 http://youtu.be/Tvp-3pKvH1U
14 http://youtu.be/H4AzdzWr67o

of what the Lord had done for them.

Taking The Book Home

On our second mission we gave a copy of the book to each inmate who was than able to show their families and friends what the Lord had done not only for them but many others. See the video the books are given out.

CHAPTER 6

Writing The Book And Our Return

to the Philippines

On our return from the first mission I met Alastair who then told me about his work and about the Redeemer. During the coming year I worked with Lucas, Michael and I via the Internet and we put together the book Trojan Warriors that tells the whole story.

Trojan Warriors

Setting Captives Free

The book was published that eventually contained 66 testimonies of some of Asia's most notorious criminals that had been converted form crime to Christ. And the whole story it told in the book.

The Redeemer

When Alastair told me about the Redeemer I envisaged making use of the Ship here in Portsmouth as a base to do similar work that had been going on in New Bilibid Prison. I knew the problems of young people with drugs and crime and believed I could help. Both Michael and I were both qualified criminals and know how the criminal mind worked. We also knew how to address such problems.

Portsmouth University

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So Gordon and I along with others went to the Vice Chancellor of Portsmouth University to discuss the feasibility of using their Web server and educational status to run our open distance learning program, for rehabilitation and leaning and to obtain academic status for qualifying students.

The Redeemer could be a home, refuge and floating College.

Portsmouth College

Portsmouth College

We also had a meeting with the Principal of the Portsmouth College, situated just near where he planned to bring the Redeemer, in order to ascertain if he would take on board our students living on the Redeemer. I was all set to go.

Our vision

It was Michael and I's vision to support help and provide funds to build a **Teacher Training College** that would teach sound gospel truth, free for the trappings of religious stupidity.

There is a lot of unnecessary religious activity done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that can be done away with as it clouds the vision of genuine learners of the gospel.

We had both experience the power of God in our lives and knew the truth of salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ and knew how to communicate and talk to the hardest and most fearful men. We knew the Gospel could change men's lives and that was our intention. To take the Gospel to places that normal people were unqualified or too fearful to go.

The Dirty Dozen

It was a bit like the film the dirty dozen. Notorious convicted men in prison were selected and the agree to help in the war effort. It was recognised that these men had skills that were need to wage war against the enemy.

Education

We realised that if you educate a criminal, say car thief he will use his education to steal an aircraft and my be fly it into twin towers. But if you

educate a converted criminal he will use his education to help others and do real good. That was our mission.

CHAPTER 7

Our Proven Success William Poloc

William was our first man sent to go back to his home City in August 2002.

The First Trojan Warrior

William Poloc Testimony 62

He was a converted criminal and we funded his mission work to Baguio City Jail and Benguet Provincial Jails. We funded him until January 2003. And since then he has founded two churches and a Technological Institute in Baguio City.

Video Link below

15 William Poloc Our First Sent Man[15]

The Redeemer

15 http://youtu.be/roOYD-ojGic

The Redeemer presented her self as the ideal platform as we envisaged help for various quarters and the kind of people we planned to reach may well be former criminals, the homeless, peple needing rehabilitation. Like a halfway house. Construction work, practical skills, administration, recreation. In fact many activates that are wholesome productive and requiring discipline, which is just what was needed for these people.

A Place to moor the Redeemer

Alastair discovered that Great Salters Quay was derelict and not in use. It was an ideal spot to bring the ship. However despite his enquiries with the Harbour Master and Portsmouth City Council we could not find out who owned the land. We began to suspect the owner had died, as Portsmouth City Council could not tell us who owned it. So our search continued. There was no way we could purchase a ship and have nowhere to put it.

We Go To Holland

We went to Holland and saw the ship. It was a beauty and were took video's and I am sure we stayed on board. We were offered the ship for 130,000 Euros and so all we needed was a place to Moore her,

Great Salters Quay

Great Salters Quay or Wharf

Alastair tried his best to locate the Quay owner but to no avail and to we had to shelve the idea.

CHAPTER 8

Second Mission to the Philippines

We took a team of 5 on our second mission to the Philipinnes in October 2002, sharing the good news of our intended work and on our return it was evident the Redeemer was necassary to help in our work.

We had no further development in the land but I was able to take further steps to work on the drug and crime problem in Stubbington. I was surprised that the authorities never took my finding seriously so I interview two lads connected with Stubbington and who had a drug problem. Rob White and Jamie Roberts.

Both of the lads had an addiction problem to heroine and they both said the wanted to warn other youngsters to avoid such addiction. They wanted their stories to be told to help others. All these video's interviews are available. They are fully documented and are on Youtube. There was a real problem and we were prepared to help if we could.

Ging Roberts

It turned out he was the ringleader and drug pusher for drugs in Stubbington village and was well known.

Ging Roberts

Rob too was know in Fareham but sadly both died of heroin overdoses soon after the video's were made.

Video Links below

14 Stubbington Village Jamie Roberts 01[16]

Next

15 Stubbington Village Jamie Roberts 02[17]

16 Stubbington Village a Drub Problem [18]

Jamie Roberts Chasing the Dragon 03

It also turned out the Ging or Jamie Roberts father was the leading Police Drug Squad expert in Hampshire for a number of years and I now realise why he may have retired on 2000, as it was well know his son was a drug dealer and addict to heroine. It just didn't look Good. All of this is documented and on video.

On Reflection

16 http://youtu.be/V5i9H0Gzy8c

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18 https://youtu.be/ElxbpiazRl8

I realised after the event that the ship would have cost too much to run. The time taken and effort to raise the necessary funds would have been counter productive

CHAPTER 9

Conclusion

A Body Or Team Of Men And Women

I now am of the opinion that rather than invest in a building or a ship, all of which cost money and legal problems. It is a better idea to build a team of people, who have the skills and training. If not give then the training and education necessary, and go about the business of reform, education rehabilitation another way.

Steps I have Taken

I have taken some steps to effect this in the setting up the Bierton Particular Baptists Internet College, to encourage the necessary learning and recrute interested persons. But there may be other ways.

Buildings And Costly Maitainace Not Needed

I realize also that there are places, such as buildings, ships and so on, that would gladly allow there facilities to be used for a worthy cause.

At least a body of people is in fact self-sustaining self funded and motivated.

Future Vision

They, as a body, can move like a swarm of bees or birds, to do the job in hand.

Alastair and I have infact discussed go to see **Loodsboot Castor** to see if she could be used in any way.

19 Redeemer Play List[19]

Video Link below

Alastair's Story – In My Own Words

I first crossed paths with Maurice Vitty around 1982, if memory serves me right. It was Denise Collins who introduced us—she took me along to Biggin Hill to meet Maurice, his wife Hilary, and their little daughter, just a baby at the time.

19 http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxUCCNlXtFtnGid9FHNb9p4n7sQQoi1B5&feature=edit_ok

Now, Denise was the Chief Officer aboard the hospital ship Anastasis, which at that point was still being prepared for service. I'd joined her that summer in Piraeus, Greece. The vessel had been laid up for some four years, undergoing major work to get her seaworthy again—most of it done by volunteers, bless them.

While on board the Anastasis, I came to know Denise quite well. Over time, he shared with me tales from his earlier days aboard the Logos, the well-known book ship, where he'd served as Captain. Maurice, as it turns out, had been his Chief Officer during that period. One story that stood out—and stayed with me—was of a dramatic episode in the South China Sea. The Logos came upon a few small boats packed with Vietnamese refugees, fleeing persecution. They were in a terrible state—attacked by pirates, short of food and water, and close to despair.

According to the unwritten code of the sea, there was no choice but to bring them aboard and offer help. The weather worsened during the night and their fragile boats were destroyed, so the crew had to keep them on board until a safe place could be found where they'd be accepted. That, as you might imagine, wasn't straightforward.

But that moment—Maurice later said—was where the dream was born: a vision to launch a ship dedicated to helping those in need, inspired by that very experience. After Maurice and Denise left the Logos, Denise joined the Anastasis, and Maurice threw himself into working with Vietnamese refugees who had made it to the UK. He based himself in Woolwich, secured a building, and began outreach work with vulnerable people.

The vision for a new ship slowly took shape over the years. It didn't happen overnight—far from it. I believe it was about seven years, and they considered several vessels before settling on one: the Loodsboot Castor, a sturdy Dutch pilot ship, once used to service North Sea oil rigs. She'd been laid up in Holland and, once acquired, was renamed Redeemer and registered in Malta. The hope was to take her back to the China Sea, but as things unfolded, she remained in Malta for the next ten years, undertaking shorter missions across the Mediterranean.

Fast forward to 1996. I was then serving on the Doulos—another book ship—and we were docked in the Seychelles for some much-needed

crew rest. Out of the blue, I received a call from Maurice. He asked if I'd consider joining the Redeemer in Malta. After some thought, I said yes. And so began another chapter.

From that point until around 1999, I was on and off the Redeemer, until she was eventually sold to a Belgian owner. I stayed on during her final stint in Holland, in the town of Urk, where she was undergoing repairs prior to the handover.

Not long after, I got married and finally settled down in Poole, Dorset—a quieter life, but with many memories from the high seas still close to my heart.

CHAPTER 10

Our Work

We share our life stories to all interested groups at no charge and we are free to travel at home and abroud.

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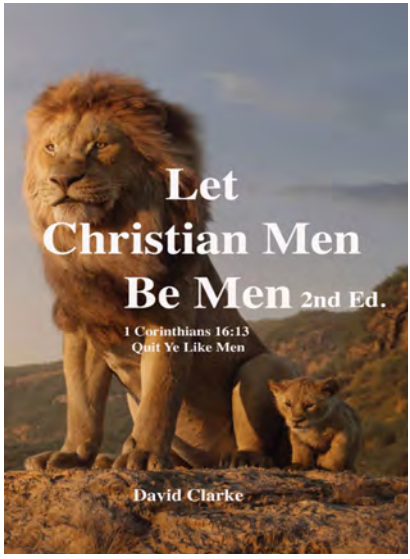
FURTHER PUBLICATIONS

LET CHRISTIAN MEN BE MEN



David Clarke

Originally published as *The Bierton Crisis* (1984), this deeply personal and theological account traces the journey of David Clarke—minister, church secretary, and committed member of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church, a historic Gospel Standard cause founded in 1832.

This book documents a significant crisis that shook the foundation of the Bierton Church in 1984. As doctrinal errors and questionable practices

crept into the fellowship, David stood firm in proclaiming the doctrines of grace—particularly Particular Redemption—and affirmed that the gospel of Christ, not the Law of Moses, is the believer's rule of life. His stance led to a withdrawal of fellowship, yet the church never terminated his membership, desiring his return.

David's testimony not only exposes the theological and ecclesiastical struggles within the church but also chronicles the unexpected closure of the Bierton chapel in 2002, while he was engaged in gospel mission work in the Philippines. Upon returning to the UK, he discovered that a new, unelected group of trustees had taken control of the chapel, denied his rightful membership, and ultimately sold the historic building as a domestic property in 2006.

This book is both a warning and a call: a warning against doctrinal compromise and a call for ministers and believers to ground their faith and practice in Scripture alone—not tradition, not personal opinion, and not the fear of man.

Let Christian Men Be Men is an appeal to return to biblical conviction, gospel clarity, and godly courage—so that men may truly stand, teach, and live as Christ's ambassadors in an age of confusion.

CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP

The Bucks Herald Second Edition

CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP

David Clarke who had a three-year career of undetected crime, experienced a "Christian conversion" whilst suffering from the effects of LSD, he told Aylesbury magistrates, on Tuesday. (Use something with his consistence for a year, he confessed to 24 crimes, and gave information leading to the recovery of over £1000 worth of stolen property. He court

Smoking Teeth

"Religion to me was rubbish, and for sixty people who could not stand on their own feet", he said.

David Could these boys do any real wrong ? Michael

he pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a £300 colour television set from an old peoples home, a £20 spray gun, and a hydraulic ram. He asked for 21 other charges to be taken into consideration, including stealing a Stubbers shed, two cars, and an electric saw, two white TV sets, two compressors, and a road hydro Clarke (21) of Finmere Crescent said that his reputation in the town had been that of a man who

"Within my heart I was searching for truth, and a meaning to life". He had good prospects of getting on in life he went on but "I was not satisfied with what I had, I was greedy, selfish and boastful."

Clarke had been using pep pills, dried, two cans, and an electric saw and marijuana since he was 14 he told the court, but it was after taking LSD that he experienced what he described as "a major thing in my life". He described the "torment" he suffered as a

result of taking the drug and went on "I went into my room pursue who hears my testimony, "The effects of LSD are so bad, and I want you to stay clear". While in this condition he cried to "Called on the name of Jesus" and his torment went from him.

Voice Of Christ

"Jesus Christ spoke to me as clearly as I speak here today saying, "David, I am with you," he said. "What you have been going through is nothing compared to what hell is like". Mr Murray, of Manor Crescent Wendover said he was habitually sceptical of sudden conversions, and preferred to put them in the test of time. The time, which had elapsed, since Clarkes profession of faith had convinced him that this young man would now be safe and right to society." He is already a new man, and had experienced what Christ called a second birth". Murray said Clarke now put himself out to be of assistance, read the bible intensely, always carried a New Testament, attended a wide circle of churches and would spend hours in discussion on spiritual things.

Difficulty

Clarke's difficulty during the months spent deciding how to make awards for his past had been the problem of accusing himself, without informing on others.

Continued Inside

By David Clarke (Author)

This third edition of Converted on LSD Trip bears powerful witness to the life-transforming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, as revealed through the remarkable true accounts of David Clarke and his brother, Michael Clarke.

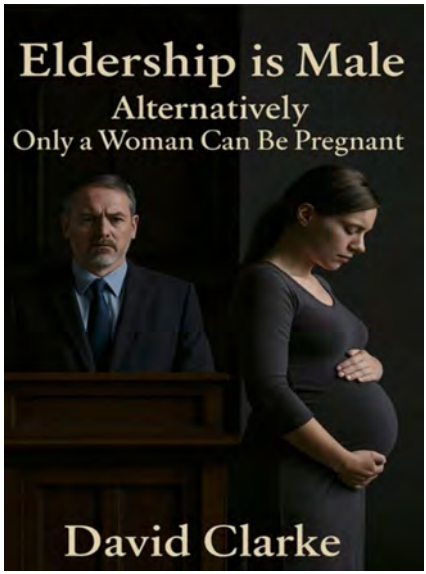
David's dramatic conversion occurred on the night of 16th January 1970, during a harrowing LSD experience. In the depths of terror and despair, he cried out unto God—and from that moment onward, his life was utterly changed. Nearly three decades later, his brother Michael likewise came to a saving knowledge of Christ whilst serving a prison sentence in the Philippines. Each went on to devote his life to the preaching of the gospel and to ministering unto others.

This latest edition serves not only as a deeply personal testimony but also as a compelling evangelistic tool—intended to encourage fellow believers to proclaim the gospel of Christ with boldness, clarity, and conviction. It also draws attention to the continuing work of Christian ministry in Baguio City, Philippines, under the faithful leadership of William O. Poloc, a former inmate of New Bilibid Prison, who now labours in the gospel, reaching others with the glad tidings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The author rightly underscores the pressing need to teach the traditional Christian doctrines of grace in this present age—doctrines which uphold the sovereignty of God in salvation, the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the divine authority and infallibility of Holy Scripture. The book stands unflinchingly against the prevailing errors of modern ungodliness, including unbelief, moral relativism, homosexuality, radical feminism, and the propagation of false religions such as Islam.

Converted on LSD Trip is both a moving testimony and a rousing call to action. It exhorts the reader to stand firm in the faith and to contend earnestly for the truth of the gospel in a world that is perishing for lack of it.

ELDERSHIP IS MALE
alternatively ONLY A WOMAN CAN BE PREGNANT



David Clarke

About This Book

This book was first published under the title Mary, Mary Quite Contrary – or more plainly, Does the Lord Jesus Want a Woman to Rule as an Elder in His Church? It concerns the leadership, or government, of a Christian church.

It tells the true story of the author's experience when he challenged the actions of church elders. In their effort to be kind and promote equality, they decided to appoint women as elders. However, the author believed this went against the plain teaching of the Bible.

David Clarke, the author, holds to traditional Christian beliefs. He argues that turning away from biblical teaching about the distinct roles of men and women – in both marriage and church leadership – has contributed to the rise of today's so-called 'Woke' culture. He connects this shift to wider debates on gender identity, pronouns, and medical treatment for gender reassignment.

The book has been republished under a new title: Eldership Is Male, with the subtitle Only a Woman Can Be Pregnant. This was inspired by the words of Suella Braverman MP, who made that very point when Labour leader Keir

Starmer appeared uncertain how to define a woman. The word "eldership" here refers to those who lead and govern in a Christian church.

The author maintains that the Bible teaches, clearly and without confusion, that elders in the church must be men. This is not a comment on how men and women live or work in wider society – it concerns the order and example Christ has given to His Church. The Church, as His Bride, is called to reflect her relationship with Him – where He is the Head, and she submits to His loving rule.

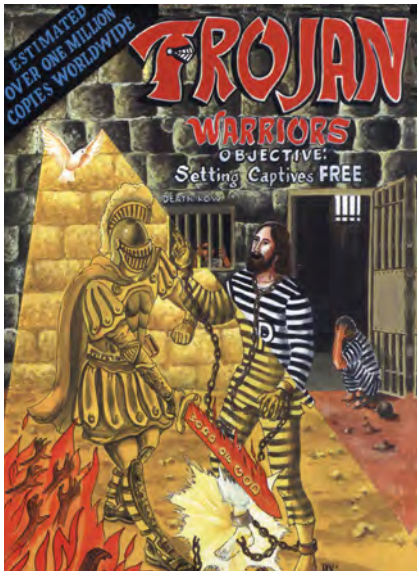
Suella Braverman's remark, Only a Woman Can Be Pregnant, struck a chord. She recalled how, while pregnant during her time as Attorney General, she told Prime Minister Boris Johnson the news. He was supportive and agreed that maternity leave should be arranged. But in drafting the law, the debate wasn't about the leave itself – it was about the words used. Braverman wanted to use the term "pregnant woman". Others insisted on "pregnant person", to be "inclusive" and "progressive".

This disagreement played out in Parliament, and within her own party. She believes such confusion – driven by well-meaning but harmful political correctness – helped to undermine good government. In her view, it contributed to the defeat of the Conservative Party in the 2024 general election.

As the author, it is my hope that this book will help churches return to a sound understanding of Scripture, and restore proper practice in the appointment of elders. My desire is for re-education and recovery – for truth to shape the life of the Church once more.

David Clarke 22 September 2024

TROJAN WARRIORS



Setting Captives Free
Authored by Mr David Clarke CertEd, Authored by Mr Michael J Clark

Trojan Warriors: Setting Captives Free is the true and extraordinary account of two brothers—Michael and David Clarke—raised in Aylesbury, England, who turned from a life of crime to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.
In the 1960s, both brothers were convicted and imprisoned for malicious wounding and carrying firearms without a license. David, the younger, experienced a radical conversion in 1970 after a terrifying LSD trip. He went on to teach himself to read using the Bible, pursued higher education, became a lecturer, and later served as a Baptist minister.

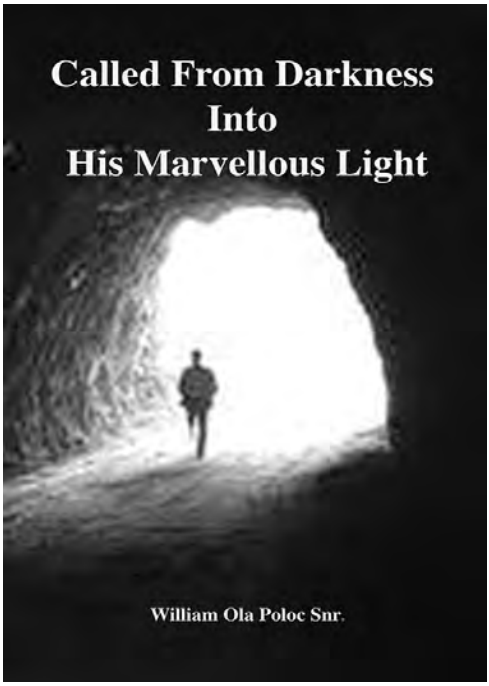
Michael, however, continued a flamboyant and criminal lifestyle, eventually landing in a Philippine prison in 1996, sentenced to 16 years. It was there—after five years in maximum security—that he too came to faith in Christ.
Moved by his brother's transformation, David launched a mission to the Philippines, determined to help and support Michael. Together, they began working with inmates in New Bilibid Prison—many of whom were former gang leaders, murderers, and drug traffickers—who had also experienced profound conversions.

This book tells the story of that mission and includes 66 handwritten testimonies from inmates whose lives were changed by the gospel. Among them

were **22 men on Death Row,** awaiting execution by lethal injection—yet now living in hope, bold in faith, and committed to spreading the message of Christ.
These are the Trojan Warriors—once captives to sin, now soldiers of Christ.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." — Revelation 12:11

CALLED FROM DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT



William Poloc

William Poloc was once an inmate of New Bilibid Prison in the Philippines, having been sentenced to 14 years for the crime of homicide. Yet it was during his time in prison that the Lord Jesus Christ called him to repentance and faith. Turning his back on a life of sin, William began to read the Holy Scriptures and study theology. In time, he came to understand and embrace the doctrines of grace, and he was soon teaching the gospel to his fellow inmates.
I first met William in October 2001 while visiting New Bilibid Prison, where I was serving as Director of the Christian mission, Trojan Horse International.

Upon his release in August 2002, William was commissioned by Trojan Horse International and sent back to his home city of Baguio to preach the gospel to the inmates of Baguio City Jail and Benguet Provincial Jail.
In October 2002, I travelled to Baguio City Jail in my capacity as Mission Director and as a sent minister of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptists. There, I had the privilege of baptising 22 inmates who had been truly converted—from crime to Christ—through the ministry of William Poloc. I also baptised a further 8 souls at Benguet Provincial Jail who likewise testified of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. These remarkable events coincided with the final worship service ever held at the Bierton Strict Baptist Chapel in the United Kingdom, which took place on 22nd December 2002.

Over the past two decades, Brother William has faithfully laboured in the gospel ministry. As his testimony shows, he has continued to preach and teach the Word of God, and has established what is now known as the Baguio Christ-Centred Churches.
We give thanks to Almighty God for His wondrous works in the salvation of sinners, and for raising up faithful men like William Poloc, who proclaim the message that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15, KJV).

David Clarke
Director, Trojan Horse International
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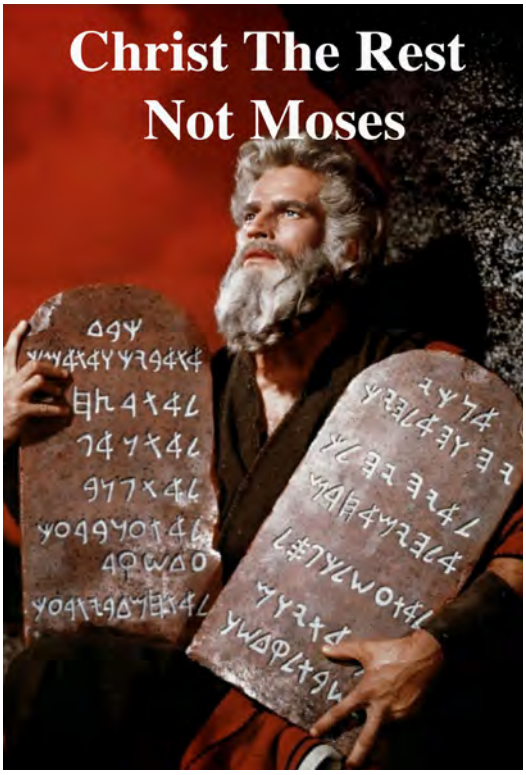
CHRIST THE REST, NOT MOSES



By David Clarke

"Let us labour therefore… to enter into that rest." – Hebrews 4:11

What is the true rest promised to the people of God? Is it found in observing days and laws — or in Christ Himself?

In this bold and thought-provoking work, David Clarke draws from Scripture and personal experience to confront a foundational issue at the heart of Christian doctrine: justification by faith alone.

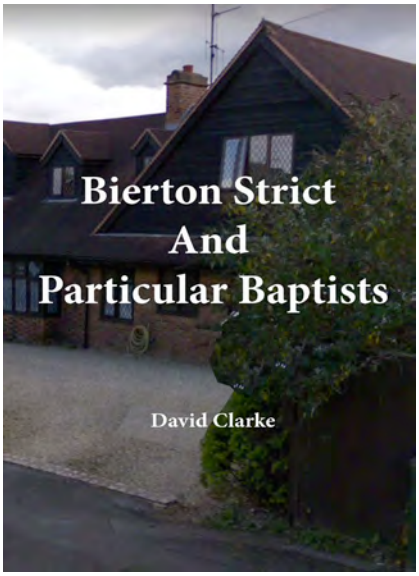
Clarke, once rejected by a Gospel Standard minister over his understanding of Hebrews 4, writes not to stir controversy, but to call believers back to the simplicity and power of the gospel. With a serious tone, pastoral heart, and unwavering conviction, he urges readers to turn from legalism and shadows to the finished work of Christ.

Written especially for those who love the doctrines of grace, yet feel isolated

or misunderstood, this book is a call to clarity, courage, and confidence in the rest that is found in Christ — and Christ alone.

This is not merely a theological issue. It is a matter of liberty, peace, and the very ground of our standing before God.

BIERTON STRICT AND PARTICULAR BAPTISTS



My Testimony and Confession

Authored by Mr David Clarke Cert. Ed

This book, originally published under the title Converted on LSD Trip, is the gripping true-life account of David Clarke, told in autobiographical form. But it is no ordinary story. It traces the astonishing journey of two brothers—David and Michael Clarke—who, during the 1960s, were well-known criminals in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and active participants in the Mod subculture. In 1967, both were sentenced to prison—David for malicious wounding and the unlawful possession of a firearm.
The turning point in their lives came at different times. David experienced a dramatic and life-changing conversion in 1970 after a terrifying LSD trip brought him to the brink of despair. In that moment of fear, he cried out unto God—and the Lord heard him. From that night forward, he turned from a life of crime and embarked on a new path of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Though he had left school barely able to read, he taught himself using

the Bible and classic Christian writings to gain a deeper understanding of the gospel. His transformation was so complete that he later confessed to 24 additional crimes, committed after his release from Dover Borstal in 1968. Remarkably, when these were brought before the courts, he was shown mercy and not sentenced.

David went on to become a member of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church, a Gospel Standard cause, and was later called and sent out by the church to preach the gospel. Along the way, he encountered numerous doctrinal errors within various denominations, and he faced significant opposition in his efforts to uphold biblical truth. These challenges were recorded in his earlier work The Bierton Crisis (1984), now republished under the title Let Christian Men Be Men, intended to help others facing similar trials of faith.

Meanwhile, Michael remained untouched by David's conversion. He continued to live flamboyantly and lawlessly, a path that led him to a 16-year prison sentence in the Philippines in 1996. Sadly, he died in prison in 2005 from tuberculosis.

In 1995, David became aware of Michael's arrest via an ITN television news broadcast. This prompted him to begin writing the story of their lives, which was first published as Converted on LSD Trip. In 1999, he received word that Michael—after five years in prison—had also experienced a profound conversion. His heart was moved after reading Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. Convinced that Jesus was indeed "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16, KJV), Michael too turned from crime to Christ.

In 2001, David journeyed to the Philippines to support his brother and engage in gospel outreach among inmates. Together, they laboured to bring the message of redemption to those within New Bilibid Prison and other institutions across the country. Their shared ministry is chronicled in the book Trojan Warriors, which contains 66 stirring testimonies of men whose lives were transformed by the grace of God—22 of whom were on Death Row.
This book stands as a powerful testimony to the sovereign grace of God, the wonder of redemption, and the transforming power of the gospel. David Clarke's journey is a light of hope for all who seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and a reminder that, no matter one's past, true freedom is found in Him.

THE PAROUSIA

The Second Coming of Christ

Authored by James Stuart Russell
Foreword by David Clarke Cert. Ed.

A reformation - indeed - a revolution of sorts is taking place in modern evangelical Christianity. And while many who are joining in and helping promote this movement are not even aware of it, the book you hold in your hand has contributed greatly to initiating this new reformation. This "new" movement is sometimes called full preterism, (Also, and preferably by this writer, Covenant Eschatology). It is the belief that all Bible prophecy is fulfilled.

The famous evangelist Charles H. Spurgeon was deeply impressed with the scholarly, solid research in the book, although he did not accept the "final" conclusions reached by Russell. In modern times, this work has, and continues to impress those who read it. The reason is simple, the New Testament is emphatic and unambiguous in positing Christ's coming and the end of the age for the first century generation. To say this has troubled both scholars and laymen alike is an understatement of massive proportions.

This book first appeared in 1878 (anonymously), and again in 1887 with author attribution. The book was well known in scholarly circles primarily and attracted a good bit of attention, both positive and negative. The public, however, seemed almost unaware of the stunning conclusions and the research supporting those conclusions, until or unless they read of Russell's work in the footnotes of the commentaries.

Scholars have recognized and grappled with this imminence element, that is the stated nearness of the day of the Lord, seldom finding satisfactory answers. Scholars such as David Strauss accused Jesus of failure. Later,

Bultmann said that every school boy knows that Jesus predicted his coming and the end of the world for his generation, and every school boy knows it did not happen. C.S. Lewis also could not resolve the apparent failed eschatology. Bertrand Russell rejected Christianity due to the failed eschatology - as he perceived it - of Jesus and the Bible writers. As a result of these "skeptical" authors, modern Bible scholarship has followed in their path and Bible commentaries today almost casually assert the failure of the Bible writers - and Jesus - in their eschatological predictions.

This is where Russell's work is of such importance. While Russell was not totally consistent with his own arguments and conclusions, nonetheless, his work is of tremendous importance and laid the groundwork for the modern revolution known as the preterist movement.

Russell systematically addressed virtually every New Testament prediction of the eschaton. With incisive clarity and logical acumen, he sweeps aside the almost trite objections to the objective nature of the Biblical language of imminence. With excellent linguistic analysis, solid hermeneutic and powerful exegetical skills, Russell shows that there is no way to deny that Jesus and his followers not only believed in a first century, end of the age parousia, but, they taught it as divine truth claiming the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as their authority.

Russell not only fully established the undeniable reality of the first century imminence of "the end," he powerfully and carefully shares with the reader that "the end" that Jesus and the N.T. writers were anticipating was not the end of the time space continuum (end of the world). It was in fact, the end of the Old Covenant Age of Israel that arrived with the cataclysmic destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in AD 70. Russell properly shows how the traditional church has so badly missed the incredible significance of the end of that Old Covenant Age.

Russell's work is a stunning rejection - and corrective -- of what the "Orthodox" historical "Creedal" church has and continues to affirm. The reader may well find themselves wondering how the "divines" missed it so badly! Further, the reader will discover that Russell's main arguments are an effective, valid and true assessment of Biblical eschatology. And make no mistake, eschatology matters.